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Registration Now Open for EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026, to be held in Lyon, France

Europe's leading vertical aviation trade show and safety conference returns 30 Nov. – 3 Dec. 2026, as France hosts the event for the first time and the show builds on five years of consecutive growth.



Lyon, France (7 Jul. 2026) — Registration has opened for EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026, which takes place 30 Nov. – 3 Dec. at EUREXPO Lyon in Lyon, France. (Exhibits open 1–3 Dec.) [Register here](#).

As Europe's leading event for the vertical aviation industry, EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026 will bring together operators, manufacturers, regulators, suppliers, training organisations, unmanned aircraft systems companies, advanced air mobility innovators, and the next generation of aviation professionals.

“Safety is built together. By hosting the EASA Rotorcraft Symposium at the start of EUROPEAN ROTORS, we kick-off the event by engaging the community in an open exchange of idea and collaborative learning. EASA is proud to support this event and the wider rotorcraft community by helping to connect people, foster open dialogue, and share knowledge across Europe. These conversations are essential to addressing challenges, supporting innovation, and continuing to improve safety. Together, we accomplish more than any one organisation does alone.” – **Florian Guillermet, Executive Director, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)**

The European Helicopter Association (EHA) organises the event, endorsed by European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and powered by Vertical Aviation International (VAI) and the EUROPEAN ROTORS team.

EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026 has broad support from European and international operators, manufacturers, suppliers, and aviation organisations. The annual event continues to demonstrate growth since its launch in 2021. The 2025 edition in Cologne, Germany, attracted more than 5,500 registered attendees from more than 60 countries, over 200 exhibitors, and 23 aircraft on static display.

“EUROPEAN ROTORS has become the annual platform where Europe’s vertical flight community comes together to strengthen cooperation, address common challenges, and help shape a regulatory and operational environment that supports safety, competitiveness, and innovation.”

EHA believes strong collective engagement is essential to ensure that the sector’s operational realities, societal value, and future needs remain properly recognized across European aviation. It is our pleasure to bring EUROPEAN ROTORS to Lyon in 2026 and welcome the community once again. Join us in Lyon as we continue shaping Europe’s vertical flight safely, sustainably, together.”

– Fredrik Kämpfe, Chairman, European Helicopter Association (EHA)

The 2026 show will feature a comprehensive exhibition, high-level conferences, professional education, and networking opportunities across the vertical aviation industry. Exhibitors will showcase rotorcraft technology, unmanned aircraft systems, advanced air mobility solutions, maintenance and training resources, safety products, and operational support services.

“EUROPEAN ROTORS has grown into an essential gathering for the vertical aviation community, bringing together operators, regulators, manufacturers, and safety leaders around the issues that will define our industry’s future. VAI has been proud to help build this event over the past several years, and we are pleased to see it come to France for the first time. We look forward to continuing our work with our European partners to advance safety, strengthen industry collaboration, and support the continued growth of vertical flight worldwide.”

– François Lassale, President and CEO, Vertical Aviation International (VAI)

EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026 will open with the EASA Rotorcraft and VTOL Safety Symposium on 30 Nov. The Symposium provides a dedicated forum for regulators, industry leaders, operators, pilots, safety investigators, researchers, and other aviation professionals to discuss current safety priorities and exchange practical ideas to improve rotorcraft and VTOL operations.

Key Highlights of EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026

Comprehensive Exhibition: Organisers expect more than 200 exhibitors to display products and services across the vertical aviation industry, including helicopters, drones, maintenance solutions, avionics, training systems, and operational support technologies. Attendees will have access to aircraft displays, product demonstrations, and direct engagement with manufacturers, suppliers, and service providers.

High-Level Conferences: EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026 will offer a broad conference programme focused on safety, regulation, technology, sustainability, workforce development, and operational performance. Sessions will feature industry experts, policymakers, operators, and thought leaders addressing the issues shaping the future of vertical flight.

Safety Leadership: The EASA Rotorcraft and VTOL Safety Symposium will remain a core element of the event, underscoring the role of EUROPEAN ROTORS as a safety-focused platform for the European vertical aviation community.

Networking Opportunities: EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026 will draw thousands of industry professionals and provide a central meeting point for business development, policy discussion, technical exchange, and professional collaboration.

Educational Programmes: The event will include training courses, workshops, and educational sessions developed with leading aviation experts and training organisations. Topics will include pilot training, maintenance practices, safety management, regulatory requirements, workforce development, and emerging aviation trends.

EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026 marks the show's first edition in France. The Union Française de l'Hélicoptère (UFH), France's national helicopter association and a member of the EHA, serves as host organisation, bringing the show to a country with a substantial and operationally diverse helicopter sector spanning HEMS, rescue, firefighting, offshore, and aerial work.

“Welcoming EUROPEAN ROTORS to France feels like a natural fit. Our country is the historic cradle of the helicopter and the heart of its greatest innovations. We are proud to open our doors to the European and global vertical aviation community, here in the homeland of today's global industry leaders.”

– Pierre-Olivier Mathian, Coprésident, Union Française de l'Hélicoptère (UFH)

“Choosing Lyon and the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region for this 2026 edition was a natural choice. As a historic pioneer in aerial work and mountain rescue, this region

brings together a strong network of world-class operators and leading training centres. It provides the right setting for shaping the future of our industry.”

– **Christophe Rosset, Coprésident, Union Française de l’Hélicoptère (UFH)**

Registration for EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026 is now open. Attendees should visit the show’s official website for registration options, the event schedule, and programme updates: <https://europeanrotors.eu/>

Exhibit space remains available. Companies interested in presenting their products or services to Europe’s largest vertical aviation audience should visit the exhibitor section of the EUROPEAN ROTORS website for pricing, availability, and participation details.

Join the vertical aviation community in Lyon, France, for [EUROPEAN ROTORS 2026](https://europeanrotors.eu/), where the future of vertical flight comes together.



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About EUROPEAN ROTORS

[EUROPEAN ROTORS](https://europeanrotors.eu/) is Europe’s leading vertical aviation trade show and safety conference for rotorcraft and VTOL aircraft, bringing together operators, regulators, manufacturers, suppliers, innovators, and the next generation to advance the future of vertical flight. Owned by the [European Helicopter Association \(EHA\)](https://europeanrotors.eu/), endorsed by [European Union Aviation Safety Agency \(EASA\)](https://europeanrotors.eu/), and powered by [Vertical Aviation International \(VAI\)](https://europeanrotors.eu/) and the EUROPEAN ROTORS team, the show combines EHA’s European leadership with VAI’s global event expertise, operational resources, and industry reach. In 2026, EUROPEAN ROTORS will take place in Lyon, France, for the first time, hosted by the [French Helicopter Association \(Union Française de l’Hélicoptère\)](https://europeanrotors.eu/). [www.europeanrotors.eu](https://europeanrotors.eu/)

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